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The following observations were made in late May, and early June 1946:

1. The 277th Infantry Regiment is located in Blankenburg (D25). It is probably called the Warsaw Regiment.

2. In Ilsenburg there is a very strong Border-Guard unit of approximately divisional strength.

3. A strong tank unit equipped with tank types KS 64, KS 4, 34, and T 34, is located at Aschersleben.

4. Large numbers of troops have recently moved into Magdeburg.

5. There are many more troops in Halberstadt with a noticeably preponderant number of officers. However, they have not recently arrived.

6. A military hospital of the 3rd Army is located at Neumstedt. Nearby is a training ground for artillery and infantry. It is thought that a Non-Com. School exists in the same vicinity.

7. The entire vicinity of Staasfurt is full of Katiusha and artillery emplacements (185 Katiusha Division).

8. The majority of troops are young (classes, 1921 to 1927, lately also 1928). The rest are not being demobilized, but are used as a Sapper Reserve (orig. Sapiernaja Reserva), to dismantle factories.

9. The chief of Military Government for Saxony is General Dubrovski.

10. The 3rd Army in Quedlinburg (D95) is the "Tretiaja Udarnaja Armia", the 3rd Shock Army.

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11. In Ballenstedt there is a large VD Hospital. During a propaganda-evening there, on the 5 of May, the following incident happened: a concealed nun in British uniform was brought in, in order to show that British spies were at work there. [redacted] also mentioned a speech given by a Russian delegation General: "We don't want war, but there are powers which do want it. Therefore, we have to be ever-strong and prepared....."

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